

**BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**Security of Buildings and Grounds: Communications Devices

The unauthorized use of beepers or similar communications devices by any person on property (including vehicles) controlled by the school board is prohibited.

In enforcing this policy school administrators are to be guided by the provisions of §18.2-322.1 quoted in the legal reference.

Student handbooks shall include a rule prohibiting the use of beepers, walkie-talkies and other portable communications devices.

**Legal Reference:** Through June 30, 1997

**Code of Va., §18.2-322.1. Possession of beeper or similar communications device in schools; penalty.** - " It shall be unlawful for any person in possession or control of a beeper or similar portable communications device to be upon the grounds of any public or private elementary, middle or secondary school. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

B. Any such school may promulgate rules and regulations prohibiting the use of beepers and other such portable communications devices and establishing disciplinary procedures pursuant to §22.1-277 to which pupils violating this section shall be subject.

C. Any beeper or similar portable communications device possessed or controlled in violation of subsection A shall be subject to seizure by school officials or law-enforcement officers and forfeiture in compliance with the procedures of Chapter 22.1 (§19.2-386.i et seq.) of Title

**BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**Security of Buildings and Grounds: Communications Devices  
(continued)**Legal Reference:** (continued)

19.2 which shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to this subsection.

D. This section shall not apply to any school official, teacher, security officer, support employee, rescue squad or volunteer fire department member, law-enforcement officer or any other person who may use or possess such devices in the performance of his duties in a legal volunteer activity, trade, or business or for medical necessity. (1989, c.707; 1992,c. 871; 1993, c.34.)

Adopted by School Board: January 22, 1991